Dear Bud, 12/21/76

Enclosed is my this morning's letter to the agent I've never met. He wrote me glowingly a month ago and since then silence. The letter I told you I had written him was only a week ago.

I've been thinking more about what you said Thursday. For reasons other than you know, some of which I'll indicate.

If you can arrange for Geller to see me I'll go to New York. I have transportation, so far as I now know, except for ~~xxxxxxx~~ inauguration week. That week and any I do not have a way to and from D.C. I can drive to the local bus station, take a bus to Baltimore and catch the Metroliner there.

If he wants to print much on the assassinations I can provide much, some of which can be quite popular, as The King Conspiracies can be. As long as there is fidelity to fact and reality there is very little in editing and cutting I would not agree to if it would return enough to make the rest of my work possible and easier.

Had it not been for the thrombophlebitis and the many disinformation activities of the past year I might well have done this book myself, had it out by now and I think made a success of it.

These ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ disinformation activities do concern me much. Mark is berserk and has begun a real job for the FBI, oblivious, not caring or both. The committee is off on a real bummer. Believe me, I know. This is one of the reasons I have written you as I have. I know some of what has gone on in executive sessions because the members are talking to those who talk to me. I have not even taken an initiative. Jimcan tell you that when he got the transcript of the part of the 11/16 session that was public it confirmed what I had told him. Really I understated.

If Zebra really ~~xxxxx~~ does have an interest in the subject, which can be as commercially successful as any other now, we can do much and I think it can mean much to a new publisher whose promotional skill are already demonstrated.

With the work I have already done I can become a property for them.

For me they can mean I do not have filing accumulating all the time, ~~xx~~ spending so much of my time in the non-productive.

Besides an interest and the willingness to do the commercial in the commercial way all they'll require is a competent editor. And after the end of the tax season Lil will be able to do the retyping again. Given my typing, the way I have to sit to do it now and my handwriting, retyping is essential. Especially because of the pace at which I can work. Many time I've turned out 10,000 words a day. Of course at this speed it shows.

Once I've finished with The King Conspiracies I'm confident I could finish Agent Oswald in two months. Events have dated parts of the chapters already done. It could go crazy in the market right now.

If you have heard nothing from me by the 27th please go ahead with whatever you had in mind. I'd really like it to be in a form that might enable me to turn Geller on by indicating to him what is possible from what I have already done.

The records I've been getting and going over lack anything of overtly sensational value. With some ~~xx~~ my earlier work, with what I know and others do not, there is value. What these earlier records do show is that immediately the FBI did launch a first-rate and extraordinarily extensive straight police investigation, sparing nothing in tracking down the available leads. The largest were in tracing laundry marks and all the Galts in the world. On their own they developed much of what was later attributed to Huie. Except for things like this there is nothing for the average book writer in them. He'd probably become an FBI buff. Best,